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none, Senator Suttle, you're recognized to close. She waives that opportunity. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 22A. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. We're voting on the advancement of the A bill. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 22A.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The bill advances. We next move to LB 429.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 429 was a bill originally introduced by Senator Janssen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of last year, at that time referred to the Health Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. It was discussed on the floor, Mr. President, last session. On March 21 the committee amendments were adopted. On March 23 Senator Janssen had moved to bracket the bill until January of 2002. I do have amendments pending to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Janssen, since it's been some time since we've debated the bill, what I'd like you to do is give us a...I'll give you five minutes, basically, to give us a rundown of the bill. And then we'll move into the first amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Sure. Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, as you remember, LB 429, I introduced last session, was my priority bill at that time. It was heard in Health and Human Services Committee and advanced to General File with committee amendments. And it was unanimously on the committee amendments. After several hours of debate on General File, I asked to have the bill bracketed until January of 2002. I was hoping that we could get more complete contract information from HHS and, therefore, be able to provide the body with more accurate numbers. So here we are today. And I'd like to explain a little bit about the food stamp program. It was initiated in the early six...1960s. And I was...I was in business at that time, in the grocery business, and I remember the conglomerate of bills, and so on, that...that came to the